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APPLICANTS: Arndt et al. CONFIRMATION NO.: 5291
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,539,096
AB United States Patent No. 6,424,721
AC United States Patent No. 6,421,448
AD United States Patent No. 6,272,229
AE United States Patent No. 5,550,923
AF United States Patent No. 5,402,496
AL European Application 0 982 971
AM German OS 199 55 156
AN German PS 199 27 278
AO German PS 198 49 739

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AD and AO were identified and discussed at pages 2 and 3 of the present specification and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification

concerning the teachings of these references. References AL, AM and AN, and the respective German counterparts to References AA, AB, AC, AE and AF, were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application. For the references in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

An English translation of Reference AM is not readily available to the Applicants, however, an English language Abstract is attached thereto.

Reference AN corresponds to co-pending application Serial No. 09/594,393, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 15, 2004, and currently under examination in Group Art Unit 2644. That co-pending application is owned by the same Assignee as the present application. Applicants assume the Examiner has access to a copy of this co-pending application, and therefore have not burdened the present file with a duplicate copy. If the Examiner would nevertheless would prefer that a copy of this co-pending application be provided, the Examiner is requested to notify the undersigned counsel for the Applicants and a copy will be submitted.

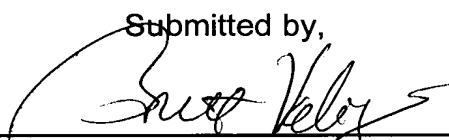
Reference AO corresponds to now-abandoned United States Application Serial No. 09/419,937, filed October 18, 1999. A copy of that now-abandoned application is attached to Reference AO and may be used as a translation thereof, however, Applicants do not represent that it is a literal translation.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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